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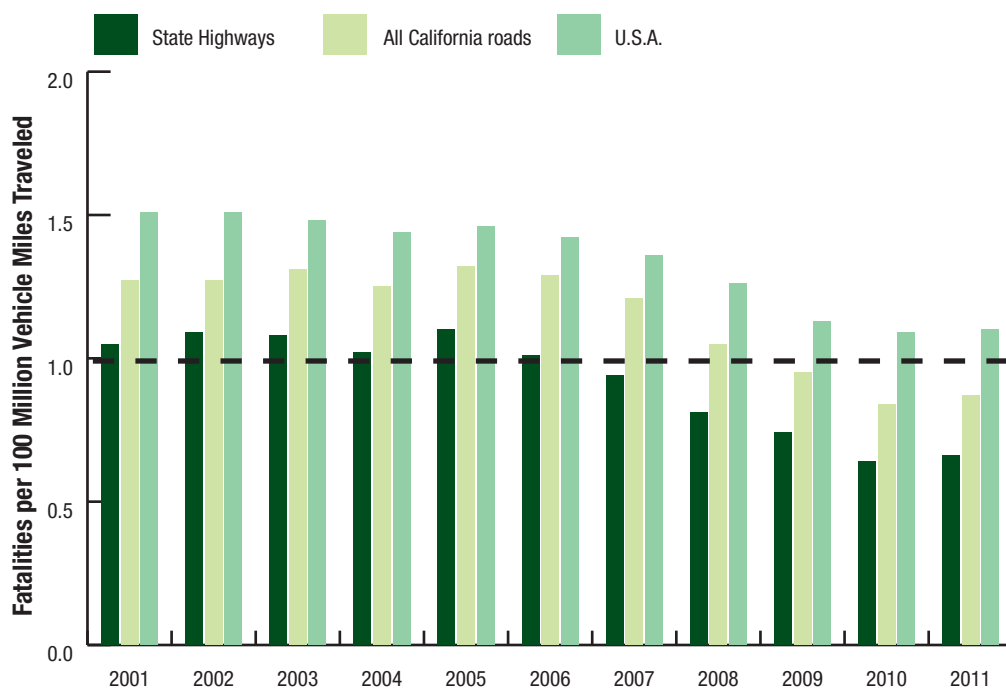
is Safety For Workers and Motorists

Caltrans has a goal of reducing fatalities to zero on California's state highways. Caltrans measures safety on the state highway system by reviewing and tracking fatal accidents and comparing them to the national average. The chart below shows that California's state highway fatality rate is lower than the national average and lower than the national goal of less than one death for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

Caltrans also tracks the number of work-related employee fatalities and has a goal of no work-related employee deaths. Since 1924, Caltrans has lost 180 of its employees on the job. One of the biggest hazards is motorists who do not exercise caution while driving near highway workers. Caltrans works to change motorists' behavior through its [Slow for the Cone Zone](#) and [Move Over](#) campaigns.

In 2012 Caltrans had no work-related deaths. In April 2013, however, two workers died in a rock-scaling accident.

Fatalities on the California State Highway System



Data Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Division of Traffic Operations
Note: Data is by calendar year

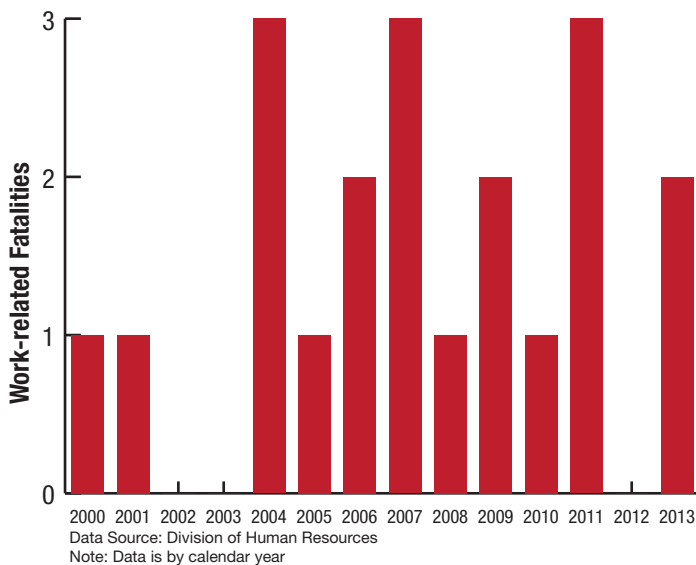
California is among the top states for safety, ranking 11th in the nation for lowest fatality rates on all public roadways. The state highway system is even safer.

In addition to work-related deaths, Caltrans measures work-related illnesses and injuries, referred to as the worker incident rate (IR). An incident is any work-related injury or illness that requires medical attention. Worker IR is an effective performance measure of our employee safety program.

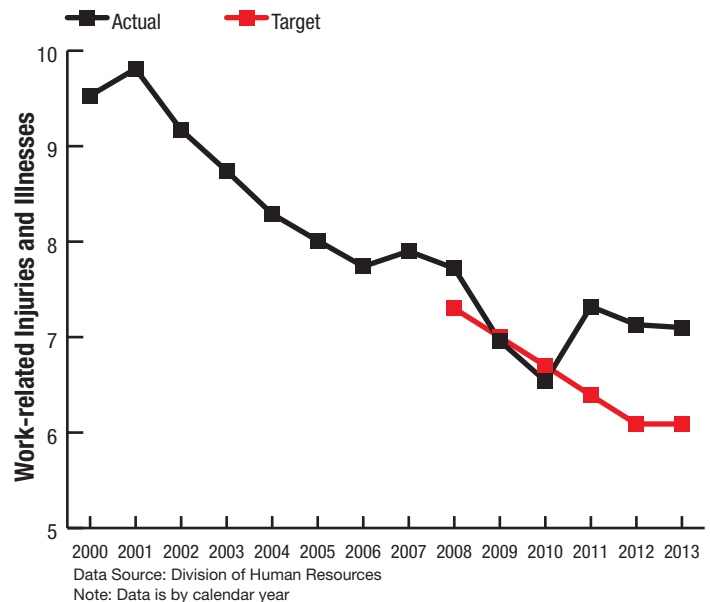
For 2013, Caltrans' worker IR was 6.83 reflecting a slight decline from 7.10 the previous period. Our current goal is 6.09, and we will work to continue to reduce our worker IR each year, with a 2018 goal of 5.58 incidents for every 200,000 employee hours.

To help reduce worker IR, we have renewed our focus on worker safety, which has contributed to the decline in work-related illnesses and injuries. We have greatly enhanced our safety programs, and most recently, we have begun focusing our efforts on maintenance staff, since they sustain about 70 percent of our departmental injuries. We have also hired safety officers specialized in maintenance safety. In addition to the constant efforts of our safety officers to ensure the safety of all our employees, we are purchasing defibrillators, and placing them in Caltrans facilities.

Number of Caltrans Work-Related Fatalities



Work-Related Injuries and Illness (per 200,000 employee hours)



A Caltrans highway worker looks for oncoming traffic on Interstate 80 in Sacramento. Highway workers have one of the most dangerous jobs in America.